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TAGS:MARR,TSPA, UK
SUBJECT: SKYNET III MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

1. UNDER SECRETARY PORTER HAS RECENTLY GRANTED CIRCULAR
175 AUTHORIZATION FOR CONCLUSION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
STANDING WITH HMG PROVIDING FOR US ASSISTANCE IN DESIGN,
PROCUREMENT, AND LAUNCHING OF THIRD-GENERATION UK DEFENSE
COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE KNOWN AS SKYNET III, TO BE SIGNED
ON BEHALF OF USG BY SECDEF.

2. MOU, WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THOSE SIGNED IN 1966 AND 1970,
WAS NEGOTIATED AD REFERENDUM BY DOD. TWO COPIES MOST
RECENT TEXT HAVE BEEN FORWARDED BY DOD THROUGH UK CHANNELS
TO UKMOD FOR LORD CARRINGTON'S SIGNATURE. WHEN SIGNED,
THEY WILL BE RETURNED THROUGH SAME CHANNEL TO DOD, SIGNED
BY SECDEF, AND ONE COPY RETURNED TO UKMOD FOR RETENTION.
ANY CHANGES IN EXISTING TEXT ARE SUBJECT TO STATE DEPART-
MENT CONCURRENCE.

3. ABOVE IS FOR EMBASSY'S BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN EVENT

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